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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC)

MEETING FEB 8, 1974

REF: A. USNATO 594 B. USNATO 410

SUMMARY. AT MEETING FEB 8, POSPONED FROM FEB 1, AGENDA ITEMS WERE COVERED PER REFTEL A. MOST DELEGATIONS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON MATTERS RELATED TO GENERAL ALERT. IMS PROPOSED USING REPORT AS BASIS FOR FURTHER STUDY. HILEX-6 PREPARATIONS ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE. TRIAL COMMITTEE IS PLANNED TO ASSIST DPC IN PROCESSING ALERT DECLARATIONS DURING EXERCISE. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON FURTHER STUDY BY IMS OF REPORT ON MATTERS RELATED TO GENERAL ALERT. END SUMMARY.

1. THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON MATTERS RELATED TO GENERAL ALERT. A. MOST DELEGATIONS HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS CONCERNING THE REPORT.

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B. MOST DELEGATIONS INDICATED NO SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED IN ACCEPTING REPORT EXCEPT NORWEGIAN REP (SKEIE), WHO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GENERAL ALERT COULD BE DECLARED IN SOME AREAS BUT NOT IN APPROPRIATE ADJACENT AREAS. IN

NORWAY'S CASE THIS WOULD, FOR EXAMPLE, REQUIRE SACLAN'T'S DECLARATION OF GENERAL ALERT IN NORTH ATLANTIC TO PARALLEL A SACEUR DECLARATION FOR NORWAY. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (VINCENT) POINTED OUT THAT DECLARATION BY ONE MAJOR NATO COMMANDER WOULD NOT PRECLUDE SIMILAR DECLARATION FROM MNC COGNIZANT OVER ADJACENT AREA. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NORWAY MAY WANT SOME FORM OF ASSURANCE, MISSION DOES NOT CONSIDER THIS ISSUE SIGNIFICANT.)

C. IMS REP (MAJOR GENERAL GARDNER) SUGGESTED IMS, AT DIRECTION OF MC, USE SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT AS BASIS FOR PREPARING FINISHED PRODUCT FOR APPROVAL OF MC AND SUBMISSION TO DPC. COEC AND MNC'S WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS REVIEW. (COMMENT: MISSION AGREES WITH THIS COURSE OF ACTION.)

D. CHAIRMAN (MACBRIEN) STATED NEXT COEC MEETING WOULD BE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND HOPED ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING SUB-COMMITTEE'S REPORT BY THEN. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL TO REFER REPORT TO IMS FOR FURTHER STUDY.

2. PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONDUCT OF HILEX-6. A. DEPUTY DIRECTOR COUNCIL OPERATIONS(MORAN) REPORTED PREPARATIONS FOR HILEX-6 ESSENTIALLY COMPLETE. FINAL VERSION PRE-EXERCISE SETTING DUE OUT FEB 12 AND CIVIL AND MILITARY INCIDENT LISTS DUE WEEK OF FEB 18. (COMMENT: MISSION PREPARATIONS FOR HILEX-6 ON SCHEDULE. AWAITING WASHINGTON RESPONSE ON THREE ACTION REQUESTS IN REFTEL B.)

B. CANADIAN REP (CANTY) ASKED HOW OFTEN COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NATO ALERT SYSTEM, DESIGNED TO ASSIST DPC DURING HILEX-6 IN PROCESSING ALERT REQUESTS, WOULD MEET. IS WISHES TO CONVENE COMMITTEE ON TRIAL BASIS FOR FIRST TIME DURING THIS EXERCISE. (COMMENT: HILEX-5 REPORT (DPC/D(72)21) DISCUSSED EXCESSIVE DPC TIME DEVOTED TO "RELATIVELY MECHANICAL PROCESS OF ASCERTAINING EACH SECRET

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DELEGATION'S POSITION ON THE DECLARATION OF INDIVIDUAL ALERT MEASURES." THE COMMITTEE IS TO ACT AS A CLEARING HOUSE AND ORGANIZE FLOW OF ALERT INFORMATION SUCH THAT DPC CAN CONCENTRATE ON MAJOR ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH ALERT DECLARATIONS. MISSION HAS JUST RECEIVED AGENDA AC/290-A(74)1 CALLING FOR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATO ALERT SYSTEM ON FEB 19 TO DISCUSS PARTICIPATION IN HILEX-6. IS (HUMPHREYS) WILL CHAIR COMMITTEE. SEPTEL FOLLOWS. RUMSFELD

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